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## **Groups Recognized for Pollution Prevention**

(Salt Lake City, Utah) – ATK, La-Z-Boy and Utah Transit Authority are among the six entities that will be honored for outstanding efforts to reduce the amount of waste or pollution at the Utah Pollution Prevention Association's annual awards presented Thursday at the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), 168 North 1960 West.

The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 101. Rick Sprott, executive director of DEQ, will provide opening remarks and the award recipients will each give a brief presentation about their pollution prevention efforts.

This year's Outstanding Achievement Award will be presented to **Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Company** for four pollution prevention projects that substantially reduced the amount of pollution to the air, land and water.

Other recipients of the Achievement Awards are:

- **Utah Transit Authority** for reducing the idling of diesel trucks that eliminates thousands of smog forming chemicals each year;
- **ATK Aerospace Structure Division** for recycling 31,000 pounds of material and reducing 95,000 pounds of non-hazardous waste and 9,000 pounds of hazardous waste;
- **La-Z-Boy**, last year's Outstanding Achievement Award recipient, for continuing to implement changes that resulted in a reduction of 53 tons of pollution in the landfill and cutting energy use by another 4.7 percent;
- **Salt Lake Valley Solid Waste Management Facility** for converting the methane gas it collects into electricity that provides power for over 2,000 homes in Murray; and
- **Great Salt Lakekeeper** will receive the Community Achievement Award for its 2006 Jordan River Parkway Cleanup Campaign. Between June and October, 498 volunteers collected 40,000 pounds of garbage and debris from a 23-mile stretch of the river, including 2,850 aluminum beverage cans.

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The Utah Pollution Prevention Association, a nonprofit organization made up of Utah businesses and institutions dedicated to reducing pollution through practical, cost-saving methods, each year recognizes the achievements of businesses that make outstanding efforts to reduce risk to the environment and public health.

Last year's awards went to La-Z-Boy for Outstanding Achievement and to the following for Achievement Awards: Uinta Brewing Co., Utah Wild Oats Market, ARAMARK Lake Powell Resort and Marinas, University of Utah and The Associated Students of the University of Utah and Ben Louge, LaPorte Properties.

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